

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy. Instead  
of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Furthermore, I am  
disturbed that  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting is  
engaging in  
electioneering --  
there should be no  
question that this  
is exactly what they  
are doing by airing  
an anti-Kerry  
documentary a mere  
two weeks before the  
election. I urge  
you to teach other  
media outlets a  
lesson by revoking  
Sinclair's licenses  
in all communities  
in which they aired  
this documentary.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process

needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.